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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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1. As to the following, the novelty of the invention, the inventive steps or the industrial applicability disclosed in the claims are not examined for the following reason: claim 7.

Since the disclosure of claim 7 is unclear, the opinion cannot be shown (to be mentioned specifically).

Because the "supporting member for a run flat tire according to claim 3" in the disclosure of claim 7 cannot be understood.

The international search report has not been produced for claim 7.

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2. Article and explanation

D1: JP 5-504726 (HAD Metalwerk Gesellschaft mit Beschränkter Haftung)
1993.07.22, claims, drawings & WO 92/13655 A1 & EP 523216 B1 & US 5279142 A & DE
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D2: JP 52-130465 A (Yamaha Hatsudoki Corp.) 1977.11.01, claims, drawings
(without a family)

D3: JP 53-26253 A (Tokyo Shibaura Denki Corp.) 1978.03.10, claims, drawings
(without a family)

D4: JP 2002-234304 A (Bridgestone Corp.) 2002.08.20, claims, drawings (without a
family)

D5: JP 2001-519279 A (Continental Aktiengesellschaft) 2001.10.23, claims, [0053],
FIG 3 & WO 99/19158 A2 & EP 1023192 A1 & US 6463976 B1 & DE 19745409 A

D6: JP 10-297226 A (Continental Aktiengesellschaft) 1998.11.10, [0030] to [0032], FIG 3 & EP
860304 A2 & US 6672349 B1

Claim 8

Since the production device of the invention according to claim 8 is mentioned in the claims and the drawings of the article D1, the claims and the drawings of the article D2 and the claims and the drawings of the article D3, cited in the international search report, the device does not have the novelty and the inventive steps.

Claims 1 to 5

The invention according to claims 1 to 5 has the novelty and the inventive steps over the all articles cited in the international search report. The invention comprising "shaping a cylindrical member having a bottom part out of a flat plate metal material by deep drawing process, removing an opening part side and the bottom part side of the cylindrical member, and curving the cylindrical member in the production method for a run flat tire supporting member" is not disclosed in any of the articles cited in the international search report and is not obvious for those skilled in the art.

Claim 6

"A run flat tire supporting member capable of supporting the load when run flat running, comprising a projecting part, projecting to the outside in the radial direction, formed by curving the axial direction middle part of a cylindrical member without a joint" is not disclosed in any of the articles cited in the international search report and it is not obvious for those skilled in the art.

Claims 9, 10

The invention according to claims 9 and 10 is not disclosed in any of the articles cited in the international search report and it is not obvious for those skilled in the art..

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The "run flat tire supporting member according to claim 3" in the disclosure of claim 7 is not understood so that the invention according to claim 7 is unclear.